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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/01376, filed June 29, 2000.

Copies of the International Search Report dated November 2, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated November 15, 2001 are provided. Applicant also provides copies of the three (3) items cited in the International Search Report. United States Patent No. 5,696,850 also is discussed at the bottom of Page 1 of Applicant's Specification.

In the International Search Report each of these items was placed in the "A" category as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular

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relevance". In the International Preliminary Examination Report the claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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